

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES of

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA (Hungarian) 371 Burnell St.
OUR LADY OF LOURDES (Slovenian) 95 MacDonald Ave.

Second Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2017



*Let your love be upon us, Lord,
even as we hope in you*
[Psalm 33:22]

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Sacrament of Penance (Confessions): Before the Weekday or Saturday PM Mass or upon request. *Sacrament of Baptism:* pre-arrangement in time to allow for preparation. *Marriage arrangements:* Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance.



Jesus' face shone like the sun. [Matthew 17:2]

Metamorphosis or transformation

The common theme of today's readings is metamorphosis or transformation. The readings invite us to work with the Holy Spirit to transform our lives by renewing them during Lent, and to radiate the grace of the transfigured Lord around us by our Spirit-filled lives. [Matthew 17].

The Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain reminds us that the way of the cross leads to Resurrection and eternal life and that the purpose of Lent is to help us better to enter into those mysteries. Both the 1st & 2nd readings present salvation history as a response to God's call, a call going out to a series of key persons beginning with Abraham / Sarah and culminating with Jesus Christ and His Apostles.

Faith is presented here as the obedient response to the call of God which opens up channels for the redemptive action of God in history, thus transforming the world. In answering this call, both Abram and Saul broke with the experiences of their past lives and moved into an unmapped future to become new "*people of the Promise,*" for a new life. Fr. Tony Kadavil, <http://cbci.in/Sunday-Reflections.aspx>

Readings

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Reading 1: Genesis 12.1-4; Psalm 33.4-5, 18-19, 20+22 [R.22]

Reading 2: 2 Timothy 1.8b-10; Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9

Prayer: *Oh God, who calls us in the midst of all of life's circumstances, teach us to trust you, no matter what life brings. Help our hearts cry to you when we find ourselves afraid and led out into the wilderness, and our spirits to share your gifts when we have much. Amen.*

ccb.ca/life_and_family CCCB: National Pastoral Initiative for Life & the Family

Catechism of the Catholic Church

CCC Paragraph 556: the Transfiguration "is the sacrament of the second regeneration": our own Resurrection. From now on we share in the Lord's Resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ. The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he "will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body." [Philippians 3:21]. But it also recalls that "it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God": [Acts 14:22].

Peter did not yet understand this when he wanted to remain with Christ on the mountain. It has been reserved for you, Peter, but for after death. For now, Jesus says: "Go down to toil on earth, to serve on earth, to be scorned and crucified on earth. Life goes down to be killed; Bread goes down to suffer hunger; the Way goes down to be exhausted on his journey; the Spring goes down to suffer thirst; and you refuse to suffer?" [Cf. Luke 9:33].



Meme of the week: <http://www.doctrinalhomilyoutlines.com/2017/03/promise-eternal-life-second-sunday-lent/> ↑

Events in and around the Archdiocese

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace [CCODP]

Through their prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent, Christians express their desire to turn toward God and to all God's children in preparation for Easter.

The Bishops of Canada have reserved the Season of Lent for a collection to assist the Global South. Normally this collection is held on the Fifth Sunday of Lent [2 April 2017].

Founded and mandated in 1967 by the Bishops of Canada, and now a member of *Caritas Internationalis* network of Catholic agencies, the *Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace* financially supports development and aid projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and inform Canadian Catholics on international social justice questions.

"So many people even today hope to have enough to eat. The planet has food for all, but the will to share with everyone seems to be lacking. To prepare the table for all, and to ask that there be one table for all. Doing whatever we can so that everyone has food, but also reminding the world's powerful that God will call them to be judged one day, and it will be demonstrated whether they have truly tried to provide food for him in each person [cf. Matthew 25.35] and whether they have acted in order that the environment would not be destroyed but would be able to produce this food." [Pope Francis, Homily during the Mass at the opening of the 2015 General Assembly of *Caritas Internationalis*.]

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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OL Collections March 5, 2017

Sun Env - \$; SGG - \$

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Mar 5 Sun 9:30 am (S) Slovenian; (E) English; (Euc) Eucharist
TBD [to be determined]

The Parish Council is looking to fill two vacant positions. We are seeking energetic individuals who can offer fresh, new ideas and can commit to attend monthly meetings between September and June. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information please speak to any of the parish council members or email ollparishcouncil@gmail.com. Your assistance is needed to support the growth and development of our parish.

Executive Council of CWL: On March 26, 2017, following 9:30 Mass Sr. Lesley Sacouman, director of Holy Names House of Peace, will be our guest speaker. House of Peace provides shelter and counseling services to women in transition. Let us give her a warm welcome.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Sat 5:30 pm

Mar 11 Dorothy Peck (1); John de Leon (2)
Arabella Quezon & Isabela Santos (PF)

Sun 11:00 am (H) Hungarian; (E) English

Mar 12 Palko Bernatsky (H); Nida Villanueva (E)

SA Collections March 5, 2017

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Hirdetés. Március 19-én, vasárnap a szentmise után rövid előadás keretében megemlékezünk az 1848-as forradalom és szabadságharcról, azt követően finom ebédet szolgálunk fel. Jegyek ára felnőtteknek 15 dollár, gyerekeknek (12 éven alul) 7 dollár.

Kaphatók Horváth Erzsineél ([204-697-2158](tel:204-697-2158)) és Prémecz Erzsineél ([204-254-4329](tel:204-254-4329))

Announcement. On Sunday, March 19th right after the mass there will be a short program commemorating the 1848 Revolution of Hungary. This program will be followed by lunch. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children under 12 years of age. Available from Elizabeth Horváth and Elizabeth Prémecz.

Catechists' Meeting: with Judith Vasquez, Thursday, March 23, 6-9pm, parish hall.



Central Deanery Lenten Reconciliation Services / Confessions

March 22nd, St. John XXIII Church - 10 am

March 23rd, St. Patrick's Church - 7 pm

Wednesday, March 29th, St. Anthony of Padua Hungarian Church - 7 pm

March 29th, St. Mary's Cathedral - 7 pm

March 30th, St. Paul the Apostle Church - 7 pm

March 31st, St. Edward's Church - 6 pm

April 4th, St. Edward's School - 9:30 am

April 4th, St. Charles' School - 10:30 am

April 4th, Elie, St. Eustache Church - 7 pm

Tuesday, April 4th, Our Lady of Lourdes Slovenian Church - 6:30 pm

April 5th, St. Charles' Church - 7 pm

April 6th, Portage La Prairie, Good Shepherd Church - 7 pm

MASS SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Mar 11 - **5:30 pm SA** - *Sunday Vigil Mass* RIP Giovanni Di Pietro, req. by Mimmo & Adelma

Sun. Mar 12 – **9:30 am OL** - For Peace & Justice in Vietnam, req. by Que Nguyen & family

11:00 am SA – RIP Maria & Istvan Marx, req. by Rosa Kerger & family

Mon. Mar 13 - NO MASS

Tues. Mar 14 - 6:00 pm **OL** - Special intentions for Maria Fidel & family, req. by Family Remic

Wed Mar 15 - 9:00 am **SA** - God's blessings for Angela Kalichak, req. by Paul & Dolores Mulaire

Thu. Mar 16 - 9:00 am **SA** - RIP Juanito & Teodora Gutierrez, req. by Juanita Gutierrez & family

Fri. Mar 17 - 6:00am **SA** - RIP Lorraine Copet, req. by Vladka Mohoric

Sat. Mar 18 - **5:30 pm SA** - *Sunday Vigil Mass* RIP Lourdes & Guilhermina, req. by Campos family

Sun. Mar 19 – **9:30 am OL** - RIP Frank & Amalia Sustarsic, req. by Marko & Beneta Simonic

11:00 am SA – RIP Jozsef Bondor & Jozsef Premecz, req. by Premecz family

OL – *Our Lady of Lourdes Church* **SA** – *Saint Anthony of Padua Church* **RIP - Rest In Peace**

Life in the valleys and on the mountain tops is a gift.

In the first reading, God sends Abram out of his homeland, into the wild. [Genesis 12]. In the Gospel, Jesus takes Peter, James and John up the mountain where they experience the Transfiguration, an intimate connecting place with God. [Matthew 17].

All of God's people struggle to follow Him faithfully. Abram (with Sarah) leaves his homeland, struggles with infertility, tries to kill his son out of faithfulness. Peter asks Jesus if he should set up camp on top of the mountain, and eventually denies Jesus.

We resist the movement of change and become easily entitled to the blessings we have received. Our culture reinforces the idea that those with stable housing and jobs have earned them (and those without have received what they deserve); that our citizens deserve more than non-citizens; that we are entitled to stability.

We are not. Those who are refugees, living unemployed or underemployed, facing chronic illness or imprisonment are not less loved by God. Those of us graced with jobs, financial wealth, relative good health, or freedom, have not earned more of God's

favour. We are called to see God's blessings in all circumstances and to use whatever gifts we have been given to assist all God's people.

We do not get to set up camp in the most comfortable places and then assume nothing will ever change. We are called to follow God into the scariest parts of our lives with faith, the same way we are to follow Him in stability and wealth with generosity and detachment. [ccb.ca/life_and_family]



<http://ocarm.org/en/content/lectio/lectio-divina-2nd-sunday-lent>



Our parish bulletin is also available online in the following 2 websites:

1. Archdiocese of Winnipeg website: Please go to: http://www.archwinnipeg.ca/weekly_bulletin.php
2. OLL website: ourladyoflourdeswinnipeg.com and click on "Our Community" then "Weekly Bulletin".